

Activities of the U.S. Department of Energy (the Department) and predecessor agencies, particularly during the Cold War, have left a legacy of environmental impact at more than 100 sites. Workers associated with these historical and current activities number in the hundreds of thousands. Addressing this environmental and human legacy has been, and will continue to be, a major departmental undertaking.

On December 15, 2003, the Department took a significant step toward managing post-closure activities to ensure the future protection of human health and the environment by creating the Office of Legacy Management to carry out this mission. This Office has control and custody of legacy land, structures, and facilities and is responsible for maintaining them at levels suitable for their long-term use.

Legacy Management's primary goals are to

1. Protect human health and the environment through effective and efficient long-term surveillance and maintenance;
2. Preserve, protect, and make accessible legacy records and information;
3. Support an effective and efficient work force structured to accomplish departmental missions and ensure contractor worker pension and medical benefits;
4. Manage legacy land and assets, emphasizing protective real and personal property reuse and disposition; and,
5. Improve program effectiveness through sound business management.



Stewards of the Land

LM conducts regular, routine long-term surveillance and maintenance for 70 custodian sites and more than 58,000 acres. A total of 131 sites are planned to be transferred to LM from cleanup entities, both DOE and private sites, by 2015. Actual acreage needed for custodianship is determined during site cleanup. In 2007, LM expects to receive 23 custodian sites. LM will act as steward for lands under its authority, overseeing the proper management of man-made and natural resources and ensuring their beneficial use for current and future generations.



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Goal 4

***Manage Legacy Land and Assets,
Emphasizing Protective Real
and Personal Property
Reuse and Disposition***

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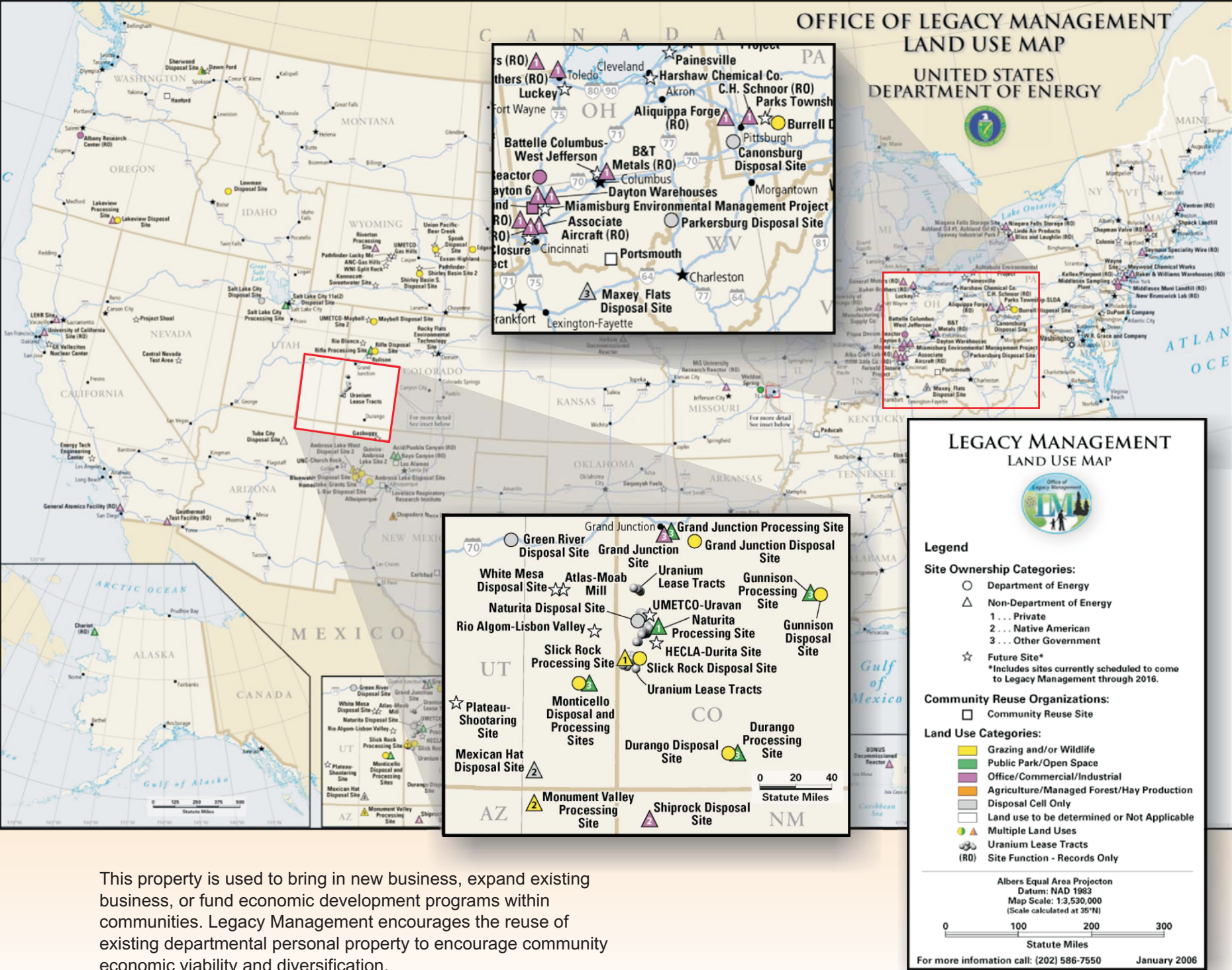
Types of Reuse on LM Sites

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| Energy Related | wind and solar energy production facilities |
| Conservation | natural resource protection and habitat management |
| Agriculture | grazing and crop production |
| Community | educational and recreational opportunities |
| Commercial/Industrial | business development within existing facilities |
| Historical/Cultural Resources | cultural resources education and/or training |
| Property Disposition | transfer of property ownership |

Legacy Management Property Reuse

Legacy Management plans and provides environmentally sound future land reuses, directing a significant effort to maintaining healthy land and protective land reuse options. To accomplish this, Legacy Management implements departmental land-use planning processes, taking into account economic, ecological, social, and cultural factors surrounding each site or parcel of land. Legacy Management makes excess lands and facilities available for government, public, and private use consistent with the tenets of sustainability and best practices for land heritage resource management.

In addition, Legacy Management assists communities through its personal property reuse program. This program promotes the transfer of departmental personal property that has been declared excess by local departmental property managers to Community Reuse Organizations at little or no cost to the organization.



This property is used to bring in new business, expand existing business, or fund economic development programs within communities. Legacy Management encourages the reuse of existing departmental personal property to encourage community economic viability and diversification.